

claim 8 wherein each laser-induced damage is created ~~in~~ as a result of intersection of two mutually perpendicular beams; the beams are generated by a beam-splitter, which divides the original beam into two beams; one of these beams is directed by the transfer mirrors to the optical system which focuses it at the right point of the article; another beam is directed into the optical system which transforms it into the flat beam; the said flat beam intersects the said focal spot of the first beam; the energy levels of these beams are controlled so that the breakdown is generated only at the intersection area.

REMARKS

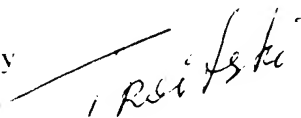
This is in the response to the Office Action mailed on August 18, 2003. Claims 7-9 are pending in the application after this Response, original Claims 1 & 4-6 having been canceled and Claims 7 & 9 added herein. Claim 2 is rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 is corrected and now numbered as 10.

SUMMARY

Applicant asserts that new Claims 7 - 9 as well as Claims 2 & 10 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a notice as to the same.

Respectfully submitted.

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